

5319. Adulteration of canned apples. U. S. * * * v. 6, 50, and 27 Cases of Canned Apples. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 7773, 7774, 7775. S. Nos. E-706, E-707, E-708.)

On October 19, 1916, the United States attorney for the district of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court of the United States for said district libels for the seizure and condemnation of 6, 50, and 27 cases of canned apples, consigned on August 9 and 17, and July 31, 1916, respectively, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped by Bernard Karp, New York, N. Y.; Gulland-Clark & Co., Elkins, W. Va.; and the Trimble Grocery Co., Mt. Sterling, Ky., respectively, and transported from the States of New York, West Virginia, and Kentucky, respectively, into the State of Maryland, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the articles was alleged in the libel in each case for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On December 7, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*